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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN STRATEGY MEETING

1. ARTICLE PUBLISHED HERE JAN 20 BY LIBAYAN-BACKED AS SAFIR CONTAINS ALLEGED ACCOUNT OF EGYPTIAN "STRATEGY MEETING", PRESIDED BY SADAT AND INCLUDING FONMIN FAHMI, ARMY COMMANDER GAMASSY, MININT SALEM, INTELLIGENCE CHIEF TAWFIK, AND FONREL ADVISOR MARWAN. MEETING REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE IN SADAT'S HOME AT BARRAGES SHORTLY AFTER FAHMI/GAMASSY VISIT TO MOSCOW.

2. SAFIR STATES EGYPTIANS DECIDED THAT (A) IT NECESSARY TO CONTINUE MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM AND TO DEVELOP MODERN RESERVE CALL-UP; (B) SADAT SHOULD CONFER WITH FEISAL RE US ROLE IN NEXT PHASE OF ME NEGOTIATIONS AND PLAN FOR "DIVERSIFICATION" OF ARMS SOURCES; AND (C) 1975 IS "DECISIVE" YEAR IN WHICH ANOTHER WAR INEVITABLE IF POLITICAL MEANS FOR SETTLEMENT ARE STALEMATED.

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3. STRATEGY MEETING. SAFIR REPORTS, WHICH FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL MEETINGS OF ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMISSION, SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED WITH (A) DRAFTING EGYPTIAN DEFENSE PLAN IN EVENT OF LARGE-SCLAE ISRAELI ATTACK; (B) COORDINATING SYRIAN/EGYPTIAN RESPONSE SHOULD ISRAELIS LAUNCH OFFENSIVE IN LEBANON; AND (C) DEVELOPING EGYPTIAN FIRST STRIKE CAPABILITY IF POLITICAL NEGOTIATION FAILS.

4. ACCORDING TO SAFIR, BOTH GAMASSY AND FAHMI URGED CONTINUATION OF DIALOGUE WITH SOVS, BUT LATTER, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SOVS IN MOSCOW HAD URGED GOE TO BREAK OFF CONTACTS WITH US AND INSIST ON RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE, SAID HE TOLD THEM EGYPTIANS ARE "STILL INTERESTED" IN PRESERVING NEGOTIATIONS WITH US.

5. IN ANOTHER ARTICLE CARRIED JAN 19, SAFIR QUOTED "VERY RELIABLE SOURCES" TO EFFECT THAT USSR HAS RESUMED SHIPMENT OF WEAPONS, "INCLUDING SOPHISTICATED ARMS," TO EGYPT. TYPE OF WEAPONS WAS UNSPECIFIED, BUT PAPER SAID "NO STRINGS WERE ATTACHED" AND WEAPONS WERE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY SOVIET ADVISORS, SINCE "MOSCOW DID NOT INSIST ON LINKING DELIVERY OF WEAPONS TO QUESTION OF TECHNICIANS."  
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